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St. James's, December 22.

THE humble Address of Condolance and Congratulation to Her Majesty, by the Lord-Provost, Magistrates, and Town-Council of the City of *Edinburgh*, was presented to Her Majesty by Sir *Samuel Maclellan*, Member of Parliament for the said City.

Which Address Her Majesty received very graciously.

Venice, December 14. *N. S.* They write from Rome, That the Forces which were expected from Marseilles are countermanded, and that the Pope has broke one of his Regiments of Horse. All the Men who were forced into the Service are to receive Discharges from it; and a general Pardon will be given to all Deserters. Monsieur Piazza was appointed, by the Court of Rome, to go to Vienna, without the Character of Nuncio; but the Marquis de Prié opposed the Message, and refused to give his Passport to that Minister. General Zumjungen is arrived at Rome, with some Dispatches from Count Thaun, who has sent another Officer of Note to Naples, to confer with the Prince of Darmstat. The Germans publickly declare, that they intend to wait but few Days longer for the Pope's Resolution, whether he is for Peace or War, before they advance to Rome, for their more convenient Subsistence; those of their Troops, which are in Romagna, being in want of Forage. The great Obstacle to a Peace with the Emperor, is the Recognition of King Charles the Third; the French having threatned to stop all the Revenues which are at present paid out of their Dominions to the Chancery of Rome, in case the Pope shall think fit to acknowledge his Catholick Majesty. They write from Naples, that the Cardinal Viceroy has received new Instructions from Barcelona, which make his Authority much more ample than it was before. Yesterday the French Ambassador thought fit to report to the College, that the Army of the Allies has been defeated in Flanders, and that Lisle is re-taken by the Arms of France. They write from Bologna, that Baron Martini, the Imperial Commissary, had demanded a Loan of that City upon pressing Occasions; and that the Citizens had already paid him the Sum of three thousand Pistoles. Ferrara and Fort Urbain are still blocked up by the Imperialists; and some Letters say, that a Body of Germans are marched to Rimini; but add, that they doubt not but the Disturbances in those Parts will suddenly end in an Accommodation between Vienna and Rome.

Vienna, Decem. 19. *N. S.* A Courier from Rome, who was dispatched from thence on the 3d Instant, brings advice, that Matters were in a great forwardness there towards an Accommodation with the Emperor; the Pope having actually begun to disarm, by disbanding 3000 of his Troops of Avignon, and promising to dismiss all his other Forces as soon as the Treaty is finally concluded, and ratified by the Imperial Court. He has appointed the Cardinals Acciaioli, Carpegna, Marescotti, Negroni, and San Cesareo, to treat with the Marquis de Prié about the Emperor's Pretensions to the Dutchies of Parma and Placentia, as well as to Commacchio, and all other Demands made by their Imperial and Catholick Majesties. Since the arrival of this Courier, several Conferences have been held about those Affairs, and the Courier will very soon be dispatched with the Resolutions of this Court about the Points still in debate. They are busie here in Austria, and in the Emperor's other Hereditary Countries, in raising the Recruits that may be necessary for the Service of the next Campaign. Marshal Heister having, since his return from Hungary, assisted at several Conferences held about the Affairs of that Kingdom, is return'd thither to give the necessary Orders for the Security of his late Conquests.

Berlin, December 22. *N. S.* All our publick Diversions concluded with the Combat of the wild Beasts in the Amphitheatre. His Majesty, on Wednesday last, made a splendid Entertainment in the great Hall. While the King was at Supper an Opera was acted at the lower end of the Hall, on a Stage erected for that purpose. The King and Court went into another Apartment after Supper, to give time for taking off the Services of the Banquet. Upon the King's Return into the Hall, that part of it where the Stage had stood was divided into several little Shops, in each of which were placed Sets of Plate, together with other very valuable pieces of Furniture, for which the Company were desired to draw Lots; and the whole was so disposed, that no one Person left the Court that Night, without receiving some Present from the King. Yesterday his Excellency the British Ambassador delivered to the King her Majesty's Letter of Notification of the Death of his Royal Highness the Prince of Denmark; on which mournful Occasion the Court is this Day in deep Mourning. The King has given his Consent to the Marriage of the Prince of Bareith-Culmbach, with the Princess of Holstein. Yesterday the Envoy from the States General delivered a Letter from his Masters, wherein they acquaint his Majesty, that they are resolved, in Concurrence with the Queen of Great Britain, to augment their Forces, and desired the Continuance of his Majesty's Friendship and Assistance in this necessary War. Letters from Mohilow, of the 29th of the last Month, say, that General Mazeppa had fallen in with the Swedish Interest, and had lately gained an Advantage over the Muscovites.

From the Camp at Meerlebeck, December 31. *N. S.* Yesterday, in the Evening, the Marquis d'Artajon, a Brigadier, with a Colonel, and a Lieutenant-Colonel of the Garrison, came out of the Town as Hostages, for the Execution of the Capitulation; and the Lord North and Grey, a Dutch Colonel, and a Prussian Lieutenant-Colonel, were sent in Exchange. This Morning we took Possession of one of the Gates of the Town, and likewise of the Porte de Secours of the Castle; and the Duke of Argyle is ordered, with six English Battalions, to take Possession of the Town on Wednesday Morning, as soon as the Garrison marches out.

Whereas the Men serving in her Majesty's Fleet have, and do at this time take a most unjustifiable liberty of leaving the Ships whereunto they belong, without leave from their Captains, when they are fitting forth to Sea, and when they come into Port to be clean'd and refitted, insomuch that the Works necessary to be done to the Ships before they go into the Docks, and after they come out of the same, are greatly delayed; and that when the said Ships are ready in all other respects, they cannot proceed to Sea for want of great Numbers of the Men belonging to them: And the Lord High-Admiral being sensible how necessary it is for the good of her Majesty's Service, that all possible means should be speedily taken for putting a stop to this growing Evil, which is a direct breach of that part of the Discipline of the Navy; his Lordship does therefore strictly Charge and Require, that all such Persons who are now absent from Ships which are fitting out, or that are cleaning or refitting, do immediately repair to their Duty on Board the respective Ships whereunto they belong. And his Lordship does further Charge and Require, that no Seamen, or Sea-faring Men, which now do, or shall hereafter belong to any of her Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War, do presume to absent themselves therefrom, without leave from their Captains; but that they keep constantly to their Duty, and employ themselves diligently in her Majesty's Service.

And this further Notice is given, That whoever doth not comply with what is before directed, shall be deemed Deserters